



Columbine Gem and Mineral Society
Membership/Renewal Packet
Part 1

Name	
Name	
Mailing Address	
City, State, Zip	
Physical Address	
City, State, Zip	
Home Phone	
Cell Phone (1)	
Cell Phone (2)	
Email (1)	
Email (2)	
Name(s) and age(s) of children	
Annual Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15.00 Individual or <input type="checkbox"/> \$30.00 Family

Email is our primary form of club communication regarding upcoming meetings and field trips. Please include **at least one email** for you or your family that is regularly checked.

A strong society has the support of its members. We need volunteers and your help. Please mark which activities you are interested in or can help organize.

Volunteer Activities

- Club Officer
- Fundraising
- Silent Auctions
- Field Trips
- BBQs/ Potlucks
- Meeting Programs
- County Fair Activities

Interests

- Mineralogy
- Geology
- Gemstones and specimens
- Lapidary and Jewelry
- Archaeology
- Paleontology
- Fossils

Please note that application form membership indicates acceptance and adherence to the AFMS Code of Ethics.

Please print and mail (or bring to next monthly meeting) with a check to:

Columbine Gem and Mineral Society
Attn: Jeff Myers
8155 County road 141
Salida, CO 81201-9475

(Note – if you wish to have your membership card mailed to you, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope.)

Be sure to include: (3 Pages total):

Part 1. Completed application form and check (Page 1);

Part 2. Completed and signed Field Trip Rules, Safety, Claims and Release of Liability (Pages 2&3).

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Membership Application Part 2

COLUMBINE GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY & PUEBLO ROCKHOUNDS, INC. FIELD TRIP RULES, SAFETY, CLAIMS AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY DOCUMENT

Effective Upon Signing: With a 'one time signature', the signed member is signifying he/she will abide by the Field Trip Rules, Claims, Safety and Release of Liability Document each and every year he/she is a paid member of the club. Members will receive a copy of this document after they sign.

FIELD TRIP RULES

All field trips are open to members of the Pueblo Rockhounds and the Columbine Gem & Mineral Society. All participants are required to sign a current Field Trip Rules, Claims, Safety and Release of Liability Document. This document is also required for minor children (under the age of 18) of club members, signed by the parent or legal guardian. A member may bring a minor(s), not included in the member's membership, on a field trip providing the minor(s) parent or legal guardian completes and signs a Field Trip Rules, Claims, Safety and Release of Liability Document, listing the minor(s) name(s). In addition, the minor(s) must be under the supervision of the club member at all times. **ADULT GUESTS** are not permitted on field trips due to liability issues.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS serve as identification; carry it with you on field trips. Members are required to sign up for field Trips; notify the field trip leader(s) if they decide to not attend after signing up & if they need to leave the field trip site early.

PETS are not allowed on field trips on private property.

RETURNING TO FIELD TRIP SITES: When a field trip takes place on private property, club members may not return to the site without the explicit permission and authorization from the land or claim owner(s).

COLLECTING: Collecting specimens is for non-commercial personal use.

CLAIMS

THE LAKE GEORGE CLAIMS are maintained for the use and enjoyment of the Pueblo Rockhound Club members. The claims are designated as Hand Tools ONLY for exploration cuts, pits and trenches. Drive only on existing marked Forest Service Roads. Fill in non-productive pits and trenches and assist the club in filling in larger pits. Bring out all trash. Members familiar with the location and boundaries of the club claims may visit the claims on their own time and at their own risk.

SAFETY

SAFETY is of utmost importance to the Pueblo Rockhounds. We want everyone to have fun, collect nice specimens and return home without any injuries. Please be aware of the following:

***Slips, trips and falls:** Watch where you are walking or climbing. Steep slopes and ravines are especially hazardous. Rocks and roots protruding out of the ground are also potential hazards.

***Heavy lifting and prying:** Carry or pry what you are physically capable of without causing an injury. Collection bags become very heavy, make several trips to your car if need be. Watch how much you lift and your posture in doing so.

***Falling rocks:** Watch for falling rocks! Large cobbles and boulders may become loose and roll down or fall from walls and roofs of pits. Do not throw rocks of any size! That rock may hit a fellow rockhound. Watch out for collectors working next to, above or below you.

***Rockpicks, Hammers & Chisels:** Use in a safe manner according to manufacturer's recommendations. Avoid mushroomed chisel heads as the flared edges could become a dangerous projectile. Wear safety glasses or goggles as well as gloves. Do not pound on rockpick heads as they splinter on impact resulting in dangerous projectiles.

***Dehydration:** Water is important and is the best fluid to prevent dehydration on a field trip. A dry mouth is a sign of dehydration. Going too long without water could cause dehydration and a trip to the hospital.

***Snakes and other predators** are out and about and we are invading their home. Know what is behind that bush or rock. Rattlesnakes are very dangerous when surprised or stepped on. Watch where you walk or place your hands.

***Drive Safely:** Field trips may involve driving on difficult, primitive and unimproved roads in remote locations. It is your responsibility to determine your driving and navigation skills and if your vehicle can handle the road conditions encountered on the trip.

***Health Issues:** Field trips may involve extreme, unpredictable weather conditions, as well as hiking and collecting at high altitudes with limited oxygen. Be sure your physical condition can meet these challenges. In most cases, remote areas have no means of timely rescue and evacuation to medical facilities.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY

Pertaining to All Scheduled and Sanctioned Activities and Field Trips of the Columbine Gem and Mineral Society and the Pueblo Rockhounds, Inc. My signature on this document is effective from this date: _____ (fill in date) and onward for as long as I am a paid member of the club. My 'one time signature' signifies I will abide by the Field Trip Rules, Claims, Safety and Release of Liability Document each and every year I am a paid member of the club.

Single or Family Member(s) (Please Print) _____ & _____

Minors (under age 18) included in above family membership: _____

Address: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

By signing below, I acknowledge that activities sponsored or conducted by the Columbine Gem and Mineral Society or the Pueblo Rockhounds, Inc. may be hazardous and take place in remote locations and may result in loss, damage, injury or death.

With full knowledge of these dangers, I hereby agree for myself, all of my family and my heirs to **RELEASE**, Columbine Gem and Mineral Society or the Pueblo Rockhounds, Inc. and any of their officers, representatives, field trip leaders, committees, members, or other trip or activity participants from liability, claims, demands, or any cause of action, and **NOT TO SUE OR OTHERWISE MAKE ANY CLAIM** against the Columbine Gem and Mineral Society or the Pueblo Rockhounds, Inc. or any of their officers, directors, members, field trip leaders, committees, representatives, trip participants or affiliate clubs whatsoever which may arise during my participation or travel to and from any activities of the Columbine Gem and Mineral Society or the Pueblo Rockhounds, Inc.

I intend this **RELEASE OF LIABILITY** to be effective whether or not any loss, damage, injury or death **RESULTS FROM NEGLIGENCE** of the Columbine Gem and Mineral Society or the Pueblo Rockhounds, Inc. or any of their agents, leaders, officers, directors, representatives, trip or activity participants or affiliate clubs. I understand that negligence means a failure to do an act that a reasonable, careful person would do, under the same similar circumstance, to protect himself, herself or others from injury or death.

I hereby further agree for myself, all of my family and my heirs to **RELEASE**, the mine owners, property owners or claim holders of the site that a field trip or activity is held or any of their directors, officers, representatives or agents from liability, claims, demands or any causes of action and **NOT TO SUE OR OTHERWISE MAKE ANY CLAIM** against mine owners, property owners or claim holders, their officers, directors, representative or agents whatsoever which may arise during my participation in any activities of the Columbine Gem and Mineral Society or the Pueblo Rockhounds, Inc.

I have read and understand the terms of this Release of Liability and the Field Trip Rules, Claims, Safety Document of the Columbine Gem and Mineral Society or the Pueblo Rockhounds, Inc. I agree to be solely responsible for my own safety and to take every precaution to provide for my own safety and well-being while participating in activities of the Columbine Gem and Mineral Society or the Pueblo Rockhounds, Inc.

Signature: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____ Club Officer Witness: _____

PERTAINING TO NONMEMBER MINORS (UNDER THE AGE OF 18): A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN MUST READ AND SIGN BELOW:

I am the legal (circle one) parent or guardian of: _____ and have read the **Release of Liability and the Field Trip Rules, Claims, Safety Document of the Columbine Gem and Mineral Society or the Pueblo Rockhounds, Inc.** I hereby consent to the terms of this **Release of Liability and Field Trip Rules, Claims, Safety Document** on behalf of the above named minor(s) and give my consent to the participation of the above named minor(s) in all activities of the Columbine Gem and Mineral Society or the Pueblo Rockhounds, Inc. on the terms stated above. This named minor(s) will be at all times under the supervision of club member(s): _____ (Name of Club Member(s))

Signature: _____ (Name of Parent or Legal Guardian) Date: _____

Witness: _____ (Name of Club Member supervising minor)